

David J. Bradley, Clerk

<sup>1</sup> One deadline, Section 52's deadline to study the primary causes of nonappearance at court hearings, was originally set for 180 days after the consent decree's entry "or as soon as practicable taking into account the County's procurement processes."

To call COVID-19 a significant change in factual conditions is an understatement. The pandemic complicates countless government functions and makes it harder for the parties to implement the consent decree. A four-month extension is suitably tailored to the obstacles COVID-19 creates. For these reasons, the court grants the deadline extension requests as modifications to the consent decree under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 60(b)(5).

The consent decree deadlines extended to **September 21, 2020**, are as follows:

1. Section 41(a)'s deadline to establish a process for private appointed counsel.
2. Section 41(b)'s deadline to retain an expert to evaluate systems of indigent defense.
3. Section 43's deadline to develop a written plan with policies and procedures on representation at bail hearings.
4. Section 48(b)'s deadline to update court notification forms.
5. Section 52's deadline to study the primary causes of nonappearance at court hearings.
6. Section 57's deadline to develop and maintain a website.
7. Section 72's deadline to report on processes used to evaluate local processes concerning court appearances.
8. Section 91's deadline to submit a public meeting plan to the Court Monitor.

SIGNED on May 7, 2020, at Houston, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lee H. Rosenthal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "L" and "R".

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Lee H. Rosenthal  
Chief United States District Judge